

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 14-35 without prejudice and accept amended claims 9 and 10 as follows:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A wafer guide comprising:

a support panel; and
at least three vertical panels attached on one surface of the support panel, wherein each of the vertical panels has a vertical body panel and a plurality of protrusions extended from a top surface of the vertical body panel to define a plurality of slots therebetween, the protrusions having a first set of protrusions interleaved with a second set of protrusions, the plurality of protrusions each comprising vertical ~~lower~~ sidewalls portions extending from respective vertical body panels that define lower widths of the plurality of slots and positive sloped ~~upper~~ sidewalls portions extending from the vertical ~~lower~~ sidewalls, the vertical ~~lower~~ sidewalls of the second set of protrusions being lower or higher than the vertical ~~lower~~ sidewalls of the first set of protrusions.

10. (Currently Amended) The wafer guide of claim 9, wherein the vertical ~~lower~~ sidewalls have a convex shape when viewed from a top view.

11. (Original) The wafer guide of claim 9, wherein each of the plurality of slots has a bottom surface that exhibits a convex shape when viewed from a cross sectional view crossing the vertical body panel and passing through the slot.

12. (Original) The wafer guide of claim 11, wherein the vertical panels comprise a first vertical panel and a second vertical panel attached on both edges of the support panel respectively and a central panel located between the first vertical panel and second vertical panel.

13. (Original) The wafer guide of claim 11, wherein each bottom surface of the plurality of slots in the central panel has an asymmetrical profile with respect to a plane that is parallel with the central panel and passes through a central portion of the central panel.

14-35. (Cancelled)